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Frank:

*Would appreciate help on the following:*

*Last Thursday before Newspaper Editors,  
Laird said Soviets would be ahead of  
U.S. in all areas (strategic offensive,  
strategic defensive, and conventional forces)  
by the 1973, '74, '75 time period if  
they continue at present rate of build-up  
and if we do not change our current  
plans for that period.*

*He wants to spell this out in a  
speech this week - so I need unclassified  
comparisons in the three areas (strategic  
offensive, strategic defensive and conventional  
forces) for the mid-1970's time frame. wdb*

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